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SUMMARY. PRESS HIGHLIGHTS CARTER'S "OPTIMISM" AND HIS  
DECISIVENESS ON ARMS PACKAGE. VP MUBARAK SAYS GULF  
STATES IN "COMPLETE AGREEMENT" WITH EGYPT. GOE-INSPIRED  
AHAM ANALYSIS OF ATHERTON MISSION ADDS UP TO NO PROGRESS  
AND TEST OF WILLS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON  
BETWEEN U.S. DETERMINATION AND ISRAELI "INTRANSIGENCE".  
END SUMMARY.

1. U.S. ROLE. AHAM AND AKHBAR HIGHLIGHT PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S OPTIMISM OVER PEACE PROSPECTS AND HIS DETER-  
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MINATION TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION OF ARMS PACKAGE.  
AHAM HAS SHORT ITEM ON CODEL ZABLOCKI REPORT WHICH  
REPORTEDLY SAID SADAT INITIATIVE "HISTORIC" AND ISRAEL'S  
RESPONSE "NOT UP TO SAME LEVEL".

2. ATHERTON MISSION. SMALL FRONT-PAGE ITEM NOTES  
ATHERTON LEFT CAIRO APRIL 25 CARRYING WRITTEN MESSAGE

FROM SADAT TO PRESIDENT CARTER. AHRAM DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT HAMDI FUAD HAS LONG ANALYSIS, ALMOST CERTAINLY GOE-INSPIRED, ABOUT WHERE PEACE PROCESS STANDS IN WAKE OF ATHERTON VISIT. FUAD SAYS FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WERE DEVOTED TO CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF PEACE PROCESS WHICH HAS FALTERED SINCE ISRAEL DECLARED NEW INTERPRETATION OF 242. ATHERTON TRIED TO GET FROM SADAT WORKING PAPER WHICH U.S. COULD USE TO DEFINE EGYPTIAN CONCEPT OF HOW TO MOVE. SADAT WELCOMED AMERICAN PEACE EFFORTS AND IS READY TO SEND FORMIN TO WASHINGTON IF VANCE REACHED ISRAELI AGREEMENT IN LINE WITH "IDENTICAL" EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN CONCEPT ON 242. GOE REFUSES TO DISCUSS INTERPRETATION OF 242. ATHERTON CARRIED NO NEW ISRAELI PROPOSALS BECAUSE ISRAELI CONCEPT OF PEACE NOT CRYSTALIZEE ENOUGH FOR DRAFTING OF SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS. ATHERTON RETURNED HOME CARRYING SAME PRINCIPLES WHICH EGYPT HAD ANNOUNCED MORE THAN ONCE AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. ISRAEL WILL NOW TEST, THROUGH DAYAN AND BEGIN VISIT, AMERICA'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH "ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE".

3. ISRAEL. IN INTERVIEW WITH BAHRAIN NEWSPAPER, VP MUBARAK SAID SADAT INITIATIVE DID NOT CREATE DIFFERENCES IN ARAB WORLD, BUT REVEALED THOSE ALREADY THERE. HE ADDED GULF STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA "IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT" WITH EGYPT." MEANWHILE, DAYAN REPORTEDLY SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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HE NOT BRINGING ISRAEL'S PROPOSALS TO WASHINGTON AND "SACRIFICES ITS AIRCRAFT DEAL".

4. PLO. ALL PAPERS CARRY PLO FORMIN QADDUMI'S DENUNCIATION OF SADAT INITIATIVE AT DAKAR. (STRONG REACTION EXPECTED IN TOMORROW'S PRESS.) EILTS

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